

The Calvin Ball Bulletin

Legislation Edition: February 2014



Want to lend your voice to local and state legislation? This newsletter highlights bills currently under consideration by the County Council and the Howard County Delegation when the Maryland General Assembly is in session. Listed below, you will find copies of those bills where available. To promote an engaged citizenry, I encourage you to review this



information and share your comments on Council bills by submitting testimony to councilmail@howardcountymd.gov. Testimony may also be submitted in person during the Council's Public Hearing, generally held the 3rd Monday of each month.

To sign-up in advance to testify, click [here](#).

For your convenience, I've included legislation under consideration by the Delegation. For details, please contact **Dan Furman** at 410-841-3360 or email hoc1@mlis.state.md.us.

I hope you find this informative and use this opportunity to become an integral part of our legislative process.

INTRODUCTIONS

All current Council legislation can be found [online](#).

APPOINTMENTS

CR10-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Tajuddin I. Sabree to the Equal Business Opportunity Commission.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR11-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Victoria L. F. Gaunt to the Howard County Animal Matters Hearing Board.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR12-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Mary Jo Neil to the Commission for Women.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR13-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Chelsea Stanton to the Commission on Disability Issues.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR14-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Rev. Robert Turner to the Human Rights Commission.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR15-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Alex Walker to the Commission on Disability Issues.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR16-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Joan Webb Scornaienchi to the Commission for Women.

Final Action:

Votes:

FINANCIAL

SAO2-FY2014

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive AN ACT transferring \$16,559 from the Grants Fund, Contingency Reserve to the Circuit Court for a grant for courthouse security.

Final Action:

Votes:

CB3-2014

Introduced by: The Chairman at the request of the County Executive AN ORDINANCE providing for the issuance at any one time and from time to time of general obligation bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of the County's general obligation bonds in an aggregate principal amount outstanding at any one time not to exceed the aggregate principal amount of general obligation bonds authorized to be issued by Howard County, Maryland at the time such notes are issued; providing that such bond anticipation notes shall be sold at private (negotiated) or at public sale for a price at, above or below, the par value thereof, as may be determined by the County Executive; providing that such bond anticipation notes may be issued as variable rate demand obligations, notes in the nature of commercial paper or other similar obligations and authorizing the County Executive to determine various matters and to take various other actions in connection therewith; providing that such bond anticipation notes not paid with bond proceeds may be paid with proceeds of bond anticipation notes authorized by this Ordinance; covenanting to pay the principal of and interest on any such bond anticipation notes with the proceeds of the bonds in anticipation of the sale of which such notes are

issued; covenanting to issue the bonds in anticipation of which any such bond anticipation notes are issued as soon as the reason for deferring the issuance thereof no longer exists; providing for the levy and collection of all taxes, charges and assessments necessary for the payment when due of the principal of and interest on all notes issued pursuant to this Ordinance not paid with proceeds of bonds or notes issued under this Ordinance; providing for disbursement of the proceeds of the Notes; delegating authority to the County Executive the power to enter into all agreements which may be necessary or desirable to secure and market the notes authorized pursuant to this Ordinance; generally providing for the issuance, sale and delivery of bond anticipation notes and determining various matters in connection therewith.

Final Action:

Votes:

GENERAL

CB4-2014

Introduced by: The Chairperson A CORRECTIVE ACT amending Council Bill 32-2013 in order to correct an enrollment error in the bill that incorrectly reflected the County Council's action regarding a certain property.

Final Action:

Votes:

CB5-2014

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the Compensation Review Commission

AN ACT to repeal and enact a new Section 5.200 "Annual Salary" of Subtitle 2 "Compensation" of Title 5 "County Council" of the Howard County Code to set the annual salary of the members of the Howard County Council for the term beginning in December 2014.

Final Action:

Votes:

CB6-2014

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the Compensation Review Commission AN ACT to repeal and enact a new Section 6.100 "Annual Salary" of Subtitle 1 "Compensation of the County Executive" of Title 6 "County Executive and the Executive Branch" of the Howard County Code to set the annual salary of the members of the Howard County Executive for the term beginning in December 2014.

Final Action:

Votes:

CB7-2014

Introduced by: Mary Kay Sigaty AN ACT to clarify when an animal is “at-large” in Howard County; and generally relating to animal control in Howard County.

Final Actions:

Votes:

CR17-2014

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION authorizing the County Purchasing Agent to waive the formal competitive bidding requirements of Title 4, Subtitle 1 of the Howard County Code in order to enter into an agreement with the Columbia Association, Inc., a Maryland corporation, to make certain improvements to the storm drainage channel under the Cradlerock Way Bridge.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR18-2014

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code, authorizing the County Executive to grant an easement to the Columbia Association, Inc., a Maryland Corporation, on certain real property owned by the County that goes under Cradlerock Way located in Columbia; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to grant the easement if he finds that the land may have a further public use.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR19-2014

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code, authorizing the County Executive to grant an easement to Baltimore Gas and Electric Company on certain real property owned by the County known as Open Space Lot 11 located in Ellicott City; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to grant the easement if he finds that the land may have a further public use.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR20-2014

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION pursuant to Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code, authorizing the County Executive to grant an easement to Baltimore Gas and Electric Company on property owned by the County located along Court House Drive in Ellicott City; waiving the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to grant the easement if he finds that the land may have a further public use.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR21-2014

Introduced by: The Chairman at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION endorsing and authorizing the Howard County Executive to file an application with the Maryland Transit Administration of the Maryland Department of Transportation for certain grants under the Federal Transit Act.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR22-2014

Introduced by: the Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION in accordance with Howard County’s Urban Renewal Law, finding that certain properties of the Long Reach Village Center in Columbia constitute a blighted area; finding that the rehabilitation or redevelopment of these properties by means of an Urban Renewal Project is necessary in the interest of the public health, safety and welfare of the residents of the County; establishing the area in which the Project will take place; authorizing the acquisition of certain properties in the Long Reach Village Center as part of the Project; authorizing preparation of the plans necessary for the Project; and generally relating to urban renewal in Howard County.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR23-2014

Introduced by: Council Members Calvin Ball, Mary Kay Sigaty, Jennifer Terrasa and Courtney Watson A RESOLUTION requesting that the Howard County Public Transportation Board provide a report to the County Council and County Executive on the performance of the Howard County public transportation

system and on specific improvements required of the system to meet the increasing demand for public transportation options in and around Howard County.

Final Action:

Votes:

FINAL CONSIDERATION

APPOINTMENTS

CR1-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Michele Brown to the Board of Directors of the Howard County Mental Health Authority.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR2-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Bruce MacDonald to the Alcohol & Drug Abuse Advisory Board.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR3-2014

Introduced by: Chairman at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Collin Sullivan to the Howard County Local Children's Board.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR4-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Sherman Howell to the Environmental Sustainability Board.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR5-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Dr. Mark Southerland to the Environmental Sustainability Board.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR6-2014

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the reappointment of Jeanne M. Zarnoch to the Personnel Board.

Final Action:

Votes:

GENERAL

CB1-2014 (ZRA 147)

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT amending the Howard County Zoning Regulations to amend the Purpose Statement of the TOD District; to provide that the district may allow for certain uses; to allow certain industrial uses, subject to certain criteria; and generally relating to the Howard County Zoning Regulations.

Final Action:

Votes:

CB2-2014

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

AN ACT requiring certain recycling services for certain apartment complexes and condominiums; requiring compliance with the County's "Apartment and Condominium Recycling Plan"; authorizing certain inspections; providing for certain penalties; and generally related to apartment and condominium recycling in Howard County.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR7-2014

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION approving an amendment to the Solid Waste Management Plan, 2003-2013, in accordance with the procedure required by State Law.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR8-2014

Introduced by: Courtney Watson

Co Sponsored by: Calvin Ball, Mary Kay Sigaty, and Jennifer Terrasa

A RESOLUTION, creating a task force to study the issues associated with human trafficking in Howard County, to educate the public about human trafficking, to identify and serve victims of human trafficking, and to increase prosecution of traffickers.

Final Action:

Votes:

CR9-2014

Introduced by the Chairperson

A RESOLUTION calling the County Council of Howard County, Maryland into legislative session on specified dates.

Final Action:

Votes:

TABLED

CR150-2011

Introduced By, Greg Fox

A RESOLUTION proposing to add a section to Article VIII. "Centralized Purchasing" of the Howard County Charter to limit the exercise of the power of eminent domain so that the power is used only for public purposes and not for private economic development, and submitting this amendment to the voters of Howard County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Article X of the Howard County Charter and Article XIA of the Maryland Constitution.

Last Action: Tabled 10/3/2011

Votes: YEAS – Council Members Fox, Sigaty, Terrasa and Watson

NAY – Council Member Ball

CR117-2013

Introduced by: The Chairperson at the request of the County Executive A RESOLUTION declaring that a total of approximately 0.841 acres of real property owned by Howard County and identified as a portion of the right-of-way of Dorsey Run Road is no longer needed for a public purpose; authorizing the County Executive to waive the advertising and bidding requirements of Section 4.201 of the Howard County Code in order to convey the property to Coastal Sunbelt Produce; and providing that the County Executive is not bound to convey the property if he finds that the land may have a

further public use and submits his finding to the County Council for its consideration.

Final Action: Tabled 10/7/2013

Votes: Unanimous

CR158-2013

Introduced by: Chairperson at the request of the County Executive

A RESOLUTION confirming the appointment of Vananzo H. Eaton to the Pension Oversight Commission.

Final Action: Tabled 1/6/2014

Votes: Unanimous

THE PROCESS

The County Council is responsible for adopting the laws of the County. The legislative process generally follows a monthly cycle:

- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration
- 3rd Monday - Public hearing on legislation introduced that month
- 4th Monday - Legislative work session, if needed
- 1st Monday - New legislation is introduced; legislation from prior month is given final consideration

Council bills must be signed or vetoed by the County Executive within 10 days of the Council's presentation of passed legislation.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Unless otherwise noted, the County Council will hold its meetings in the Bancker Room of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD.

The next meetings are as follows:

- Monday, January 27, 2014 at 4:30pm:
Legislative Work Session
- Monday, February 3, 2014 at 7:30pm:
Legislative Session
- Monday, February 10, 2014 at 8:30am: Monthly Meeting in the CVG Room
- Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 7:30pm:
Legislative Public

* Please note these dates are subject to change. To access the most up-to-date calendar of meetings, click [here](#).

Can't attend a meeting but still want to stay involved? You can stream the Council's sessions [online](#) and click on the meeting you would like to watch. The Council's sessions are also streamed in real time on this website.



Howard County State Delegation Legislation

The 2014 legislative session will begin on January 8, 2014. For your convenience, I have shared an update of the bills that will be introduced below. For further information, contact **Dan Furman** at the Howard County Delegation Office at **410-841-3360** or email hoc1@mlis.state.md.us

HO.CO. 01-14 (LR 544)

Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Population Restriction on Class A Licenses

Introduced by Delegates Guy Guzzone and Warren Miller

FOR the purpose of limiting the number of Class A licenses of any type that in the Board of License Commissioners of Howard County may issue based on a certain license-to-population ratio using County population data, as a determined by the latest federal census; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Howard County.

HO.CO. 02-14 (LR 556)

Howard County Board of Education – Members – Salary Increase

Introduced by the Chairs of the Howard County Delegation

FOR the purpose of altering the amount of compensation of the chairman and other elected members of the Howard County Board of Education; establishing a certain scholarship for the student member of the board;

providing that this Act does not apply to the salary of compensation of the chairman or other elected members of the board during a certain term of office; clarifying certain language; and generally relating to the members of the Howard County Board of Education

HO.CO. 03-14 (LR564) Howard County – Casino Events - Authorized

Introduced by Delegate Warren Miller

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain organizations to hold certain casino events in Howard County at certain intervals of time; requiring an organization to obtain a permit from the Howard County Department of Inspections, Licenses, and Permits before operating a casino event; requiring the Howard County Executive to forward a recommendation to the Howard County Council concerning the fee to be charged for a permit; requiring the County Council adopt by resolution the amount of the permit fee; specifying the types of organizations eligible to conduct a casino event; requiring a permit holder for a casino event to ensure that certain standards are met; prohibiting a permit holder from offering cumulative money prizes in excess of a certain amount; specifying certain prohibited acts and reporting requirements for a permit holder for a casino event; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations governing casino events; altering in Howard County the application of certain general provisions of law governing gaming in the State; establishing certain exceptions to prohibitions against conducting a casino event or operating or awarding prizes using certain gaming devices; and generally relating to casino events in Howard County.

HO.CO. 04-14 (LR 768)

Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Day Resource Center

Introduced by the Howard County Chairs at the request of the County Executive

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$575,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

HO.CO. 05-14 (LR 770)

Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Head Start Program Retrofitting

Introduced by the Howard County Chairs at the request of the County Executive

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

HO.CO. 06-14 (LR 769)

Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Historic Belmont Property and Historic Garden Restoration

Introduced by the Howard County Chairs at the request of the County Executive

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$125,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

HO. CO. 07-14 (LR767)

Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Shaded Structures for Playgrounds

Introduced by the Howard County Chairs at the request of the County Executive

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

HO. CO. 08-14 (LR)

Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Hollofield Play Space

Introduced by Senator Kittleman

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$175,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan

HO. CO. 09 (LR679)

Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Beer Festivals

Introduced by Delegate Warren Miller

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Howard County Board of License Commissioners to issue a special beer festival license; specifying that a special beer festival license authorizes the holder to display and sell at retain beer for consumption on and off the licensed premises on certain days and hours; requiring an applicant for a special beer festival license to be the holder of a certain license; establishing a license fee; requiring the Howard County board of License Commissioners to approve one weekend for the festival, approve certain premises in Howard County for the festival, and ensure that the primary focus of the festival is the promotion of Maryland beer; allowing a certain person to hold a special beer festival license in addition to another license; requiring the Howard County Board of License Commissioners to adopt certain regulations; defining a certain term; and generally relating to beer festivals in Howard County.

HO. CO. 10-14 (LR)

Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Community Action Council Food Facility

Introduced by Delegate Guy Guzzone

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Community Action Council of Howard County, Inc., for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and

sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

Maryland State General Assembly Legislation



[House Bill 453](#)

Housing and Community Development - Multifamily Rental Housing Programs Efficiency Act

Introduced by: Chair, Environmental Matters Committee

Repealing specified provisions of law governing the Elderly Rental Housing Program, the Nonprofit Rehabilitation Program, and the Rental Housing Production Program and establishing a new Rental Housing Program in the Department of Housing and Community Development; consolidating loan programs within the Department into a single program; providing for types of financing and repayment terms; establishing uses for loan proceeds; clarifying standards for multifamily loans; etc.

Status:

[House Bill 553](#)

Housing - Energy-Efficient Homes Construction Loan Program

Introduced by: Chair, Environmental Matters Committee

Establishing the Energy-Efficient Homes Construction Loan Program; establishing the purpose of the Program; requiring and authorizing the Department of Housing and Community Development to perform specified duties; establishing the Energy-Efficient Homes Construction Fund as a special, non-lapsing fund; requiring the Department to adopt specified regulations; etc.

Status:

[House Bill 621/Senate Bill 700](#)

Registration of Pesticides - Fee Increase - Disposition of Fees

Introduced by: Delegate Lafferty/Senator Manno

Increasing specified pesticide registration fees from \$100 to \$110; and providing that at least \$10 of each annual registration fee and each terminal registration fee collected under § 5-103 of the Agriculture Article may be used only for activities of the Department of Agriculture relating to the collection, analysis, and reporting of data on pesticide use in the State; specifying that money expended from the State Chemist Fund for a specified purpose is supplemental to other specified funding; etc.

Status:

[House Bill 628/Senate Bill 238](#)

Board of Public Works - Relocatable Classrooms - Indoor Air Quality Requirements

Introduced by: Delegate Robinson, Senator King

Requiring the Board of Public Works, in consultation with specified departments, to adopt regulations that include specifications relating to indoor air quality for the occupants of relocatable classrooms constructed after July 1, 2014, that are purchased or leased using State funds.

Status:

[House Bill 664](#)

Rental Units, Condominiums, and Homeowners Associations - Smoking Restrictions

Introduced by: Delegate Kramer

Allowing written leases for residential real property to include specified restrictions or prohibitions on smoking tobacco products in specified areas; allowing the bylaws or regulations of a condominium to contain specified restrictions or prohibitions on smoking tobacco products in specified areas; and authorizing a homeowners association to include in its declaration, bylaws, rules, or recorded covenants and restrictions specified restrictions or prohibitions on smoking tobacco products in multi-unit dwellings or in the common areas.

Status:

Sign-up sheets will be available outside of the Banneker room at 7:00pm on the evening of the hearing. Oral testimony will be limited to three minutes.

For further information, contact Dylan Goldberg at the Howard County Delegation office at 410-841-3360 or hoc1@mlis.state.md.us.

I encourage our residents to stay tuned in if these topics are of interest to you. As always, I hope you have found this information insightful, and I encourage you to share this newsletter with your neighbors.

All the best,



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"Everybody can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love." ~ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.